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THE EDITOR'S LEISURE HOURS.

Points and Paragraphs of Things Present, Past and Future.

The origin of county, or agricultural, fairs, can be appropriately given just at this time, as it is the season for them. They are said to have been first held in Holland and were introduced into England by William of Orange. He popularized the idea of agricultural periodical festivals, and this was followed by three-day shows. The first day was for athletic sports, the second day for manufacture and the third day for live stock.

It has been stated as a matter of history that the planting of rice in America was commenced in 1698. A brig from Madagascar, on her way to England, came to anchor off Sullivan's Island. Thomas Smith went on board and received from the captain a bag of seed rice with information of its culture in the East. He divided the seed among his friends, experiments were made on different soils, and thus this good crop of North Carolina had its beginning.

It is not uncommon for gospel evangelists to preach sermons "to men only," and sometimes they preach "to women only." But Mr. Bryan, the Democratic candidate for President, is the first man in the history of the nation, or of the world so far as we know, who has addressed an audience of "women only" on matters purely political. He did it in Minnesota last week, and captivated his fair audience. Mr. Bryan has often declared in his speeches that the women of the country are as much affected by financial oppression as the men and that they feel as much interested in the questions of financial reform.

There has been a great change in the manner of conducting political campaigns. Formerly it was expected that the candidates of the two political parties would meet each other in the forum for debate; but now in many places the opposing candidates do not meet each other a single time during a campaign. The multiplicity of parties and consequently the multitude of candidates for the same office, make it inconvenient for joint debate, for it would take a two days' run at each speaking to hear them all through. But certainly a good deal of the "snap" of a campaign is taken out by the failure of opponents to meet each other in oratorical combat.

A gentleman of much observation and vision in many things remarked to us that with all the bad things we have to contend with just now—political excitement, poor crops and low prices, there is one encouraging thing in North Carolina, and that is the liberal patronage that is given all the schools of the State. And it is even so: the reports from the schools of all grades show increased attendance. The colleges are well filled and the academies have a good patronage, and the educational interest among the people seems to be growing. Let it be so; an intelligent people ought to be a prosperous and happy people.

The following description by the Witness fits the idea of a good many people in this county besides John Chinaman:

"Charley Lee, a Chinaman who keeps a laundry in Patterson, N. J., certainly believes in combining politics with business. He has swung across the sidewalk in front of his laundry a Chinese flag. On one side of the flag is the inscription: "Vote for McKinley and Hobart." On the other side is the inscription: "Vote for Bryan and Sewall and free silver." Charley has the Republican side of the banner facing Park avenue, along which many prominent Republicans reside, while the other side of the banner faces houses on lower Straight street, which neighborhood is considered a Democratic stronghold."

Wanted—An Idea

Written for THE COMMONWEALTH.] A LETTER FROM JAPAN.

MANY VOLCANIES.

About Idols and Religion.

The original name of Japan is Dai-Nippon, meaning great dayspring. Japan is part of the chain of volcanoes stretching from Kamtschatka into China. There are eighteen active volcanoes in Japan and earthquakes occur continually. Most of the mountains are covered with forests and all types of vegetation. A pic-nic in Japan is called a "flower-viewing," and several times a year the whole population turn out for no other purpose than to visit places noted for certain kinds of nice blossoms. Around these, the native holidays revolve. The natives eat rice as a staple food, bread being almost unknown to them. The poor people in the country eat millet, wheat, barley and radish; Buddhism forbids their eating meat, but some of them eat it anyway, thinking it will not be known. They call a deer, a mountain whale, yenison is sold in the market as fish. The natives are bright and quick and frank, faithful and kind; but lying is a national vice with them. They will often lie rather than be impolite to you.

The Japanese are supposed to have come from Korea. There is a large idol in Tokyo, the capitol of Japan, and there is an iron grating enclosing one of these figures, on which hang many straw shoes. Belonging to the main apartment of the temple is a shrine, where men, women and children pay their devotions. They toss a small piece of money in a box, four or five feet long, and place their hands on their heads and repeat a few words in a low voice for about five minutes, then give room for others. Not far from the shrine is a wooden image, much worn by rubbing. A person with a sore hand rubs the hand of the image, one with weak eyes rubs the eyes of the idol and so on, in hopes that the afflicted members will thus be healed. The image of Buddha at Kamatuna, thirteen miles from Yokohama, is made of bronze and is forty-four feet high. It was cast and erected over six hundred years ago. In front of the idol are vases and a bronze basin where incense is burned day by day, for the pilgrims who are constantly coming dressed in white garments with broad hats and little bells fastened to their girdles or staves. The Ainos are believed by many to be the original inhabitants of Japan. They are now found only in the northern part of the empire. There are more than fifteen thousand of these people. They are ignorant, but very kind, gentle, and more truthful than their more civilized countrymen. They have beautiful brown eyes and straight black hair. In winter they wear coats and hoods of skin, in summer long coats of basque cloth. All the women tattoo their faces. Their customs are much like the Japanese and they are despised by them. At one time it was against the law to teach any Ainos to read and write. They think that there are good and bad "Angels" and that there will always be a difference in them. They have no direct intercourse with God and pray only when they are in want of something. The man is always afraid of his wife's prayers, that is if he does not treat her right. They never think of the future. They claim that there are three heavens, the "High Skies," "Foggy Heavens," and the "Star Skies" and that there are six worlds below this one.

I went to church one Sunday in Yokohama accompanied by a missionary, who had asked me to attend and see how intelligent some of the Japanese were and how they were learning to worship the true God. I will always remember this day. There were over two hundred Japanese in the church. The book of Acts was read, then a song was sung and at prayer all of them joined the missionaries in prayer for the Holy Spirit of God. Almost every missionary board has established a mission in Japan, but there were not enough missionaries to supply the demand. Towns that would have welcomed them were left untaught. Then from some political cause, there came a popular feeling of opposition to everything foreign, but the Japanese Christians generally remained faithful. The Japanese are the kindest people in the world. I say this because I have been with them and know it to be true. C. T. CURRIE.

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Gold by the Yard.

Pearson's Weekly.

The beating of the innumerable little square pieces of gold which are used to cover domes and signs, and so on, forms a distinct industry in the gold trade, which employs a large number of hands and requires no small amount of skill.

The long low building in which the work is carried on is filled throughout the day with the sound of hammers. On every side little boxes containing tiny rolls of gold are to be seen, which, although only measuring an inch and a half in length, are each worth about £10. The gold is received in bars one-eighth of an inch in thickness, an inch in width and weighing 240 pennyweights. This is rolled out into ribbon thirty yards in length. It is then given to the workmen in strips measuring seven yards, each of which is cut up into 180 pieces. These are now ready to be beaten out by hand. They are placed, protected by fine skins in a tool known as the "clutch," and are thoroughly pounded out on a great granite block set in the ground in such a way that there is absolutely no vibratory movement. The process is repeated several times, the gold as it spreads being continually subdivided until it is of the exact dimensions required.

The skins in which the gold is beaten are so delicate that they will tear as easily as paper, nevertheless they are of so fine a quality that they will withstand the continual hammering for several years. The gold which is finally beaten down to 200,000 of an inch is rubbed with "brine" before being placed in the skins, in order that it shall not adhere to them. Easy as this work of beating out the gold may seem, it is, in reality, an art of a very delicate description. The workman must know to a nicety precisely how hard or gentle the blows of his hammer must be, also the exact spot on which they should fall. Accordingly, a very superior class of men are employed in the business.

A Story About Stanley.

Atlanta Constitution. When Stanley was writing his "Through the Dark Continent" in London he used often, from want of a flat surface, to spread his maps and charts upon the floor, and one day the cat of the house, which had taken an extraordinary liking for the great explorer, and passed most of her time in his rooms, went to sleep on a chart that was spread out on the hearth rug. By and by the chart was wanted, and one of Stanley's assistants was going to turn puss off it, when "the man who found Livingstone" stopped him. "Don't disturb the cat," he said, "we can get on without the chart till she wakes up. If you only knew how good the sight of that English cat, cosily curled up in front of that fire, is to me, you would never let her move from where she is." He had just come back from a weary and trying time among uncivilized tribes, and the sleeping cat was to him the symbol of comfortable security, peace and of home.

DID YOU EVER MAKE MONEY EASY.

Mr. Editor.—I have read how Mr. C. E. B. made so much money in the Dishwasher business and think I have beat him. I am very young yet and have had little experience in selling goods, but have made over eight hundred dollars in ten weeks selling Dish Washers. It is simply wonderful how easy it is to sell them. All you have to do is to show the ladies how they work and they cannot help but buy one. For the benefit of others I will state that I got my start from the Mount City Dish Washer Co., St. Louis, Mo. Write to them and they will send you full particulars. I think I can clear over \$3,000 the coming year, and I am not going to let the opportunity pass. Try it and publish your success for the benefit of others. J. F. C.

By virtue of the power contained in a decree of the Superior Court of Halifax County, N. C., rendered at March term 1896 of said court in the action entitled Mirerva Pittman against John T. House and his wife, Francis A. House, I shall sell at the court house door in Halifax, for cash, on Monday the 23rd day of November, 1896, the real estate described in the complaint filed in said action, situated as follows, to wit: One tract of land lying in and around Palmyra, bounded by the lands of William R. Cherry and others, containing one hundred and seventeen acres, more or less; and another tract of land lying on the Palmyra and Tarboro road, containing two hundred and forty six acres, more or less, situated in said county.

Both said tracts of land are now fully described in said complaint, and in the mortgage made on said J. T. House and his wife, Francis A. House to N. J. Pittman, recorded in the office of the register of deeds for Halifax county, N. C., in book 76 A, page 92, to which reference is made for a particular description of said realty. This Oct. 9, 1896. HENRY JOHNSTON, Commissioner.

Lovers' Quarrel Ended.

Richmond Dispatch.

Thirty years ago James Barton and Malinda Jenkins, who lived in Hancock county, Tenn., were betrothed, and quarreled over some trivial matter. She sent him a letter of explanation, which was left on his table in his absence. He returned home after night and threw the papers, including her letter, into a box. He was thus ignorant of the fact that she had written to him and resolved that their courtship should be at an end, unless she made some explanation. She also resolved to make no further explanation. Thus matters were left, and they lived on friendly terms, but neither married. A few days since Barton, in looking over some old papers, accidentally discovered Miss Jenkins' letter. He immediately went to her with apologies for his conduct, and, without further ado, they procured a license and were married. Thus pride had kept two good people apart for over a quarter of a century.

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